

OFFICIAL TITLE AND SUMMARY ★ ★ ★

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HOUSING AND EMERGENCY SHELTER TRUST FUND ACT OF 2006.

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- Funds may be used for the purpose of providing shelters for battered women and their children, clean and safe housing for low-income senior citizens; homeownership assistance for the disabled, military veterans, and working families; and repairs and accessibility improvements to apartment for families and disabled citizens.
- The state shall issue bonds totaling two billion eight hundred fifty million dollars (\$2,850,000,000) paid from existing state funds at an average annual cost of two hundred and four million dollars (\$204,000,000) per year over the 30 year life of the bonds.
- Requires reporting and publication of annual independent audited reports showing use of funds, and limits administration and overhead costs.
- Appropriates money from the General Fund to pay off bonds.

Summary of Legislative Analyst's Estimate of Net State and Local Government Fiscal Impact:

- State cost of about \$6.1 billion over 30 years to pay off both the principal (\$2.85 billion) and interest costs (\$3.3 billion) on the bonds. Payments of about \$204 million per year.

FINAL VOTES CAST BY THE LEGISLATURE ON SB 1689 (PROPOSITION 1C)

Senate: Ayes 27 Noes 11

Assembly: Ayes 54 Noes 16

ANALYSIS BY THE LEGISLATIVE ANALYST

BACKGROUND

About 200,000 houses and apartments are built in California each year. Most of these housing units are built entirely with private dollars. Some units, however, receive subsidies from federal, state, and local governments. For instance, the state provides low-interest loans or grants to developers (private, nonprofit, and governmental) to subsidize housing construction costs. Typically, the housing must be sold or rented to Californians with low incomes. Other state programs provide homebuyers with direct financial assistance to help with the costs of a downpayment.

While the state provides financial assistance through these programs, cities and counties are responsible for the zoning and approval of new housing. In addition, cities, counties, and other local governments are responsible for providing infrastructure-related services to new housing—such as water, sewer, roads, and parks.

In 2002, voters approved Proposition 46, which provided a total of \$2.1 billion of general obligation bonds to fund state housing programs. We estimate that about \$350 million of the Proposition 46 funds will be unspent as of November 1, 2006.